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SUBJECT: SOME STUDENT CASES BEING READIED FOR TRIAL

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID HAS CONFIRMED TO THE PRESS THAT HIS OFFICE IS NOW EXAMINING FOR POSSIBLE TRIAL THE CASES OF 18 STUDENTS DETAINED SINCE LATE JANUARY FOR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES. EIGHT OF THE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED IN BANDUNG (AT LEAST THREE OF THEM ARE FROM THE BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ITB, INCLUDING ITS STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HERI ACHMADI) AND THE OTHER TEN IN CENTRAL JAVA. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRAL JAVA SECURITY COMMAND (LAKSUS) TOLD THE PRESS THAT HIS COMMAND HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT SOME OF THE TEN STUDENTS FROM HIS AREA NOT BE CHARGED AND TRIED.

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2. ALI SAID SAID THAT "MOST" OF THE 18 STUDENTS CURRENTLY UNDER PROCESS WOULD PROBABLY BE TRIED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PENAL CODE RATHER THAN THE SUBVERSION LAWS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ALL THOSE CHARGED WILL BE TRIED "WITHIN A YEAR". A RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PALACE TOLD US TODAY THAT TRIAL DATES FOR SOME OF THE CASES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN THE

NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. COMMENT: THE EAST JAVA AND JAKARTA LAKSUS HAVE NOT YET TURNED THEIR CASES OVER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THERE COULD BE A FEW ADDITIONAL CASES STILL UNDER EXAMINATION IN BANDUNG. NONETHELESS, THE DECISION TO TRY "MOST" OF THE DETAINEES UNDER THE PENAL CODE RATHER THAN THE SUBVERSION LAWS IS MOST WELCOME. RESULTING SENTENCES ARE LIKELY TO BE LIGHTER AND THE LEGAL BASE OF THE CRIMINAL CODE IS MORE WIDELY ACCEPTED THAN THAT OF THE SUBVERSION LAWS.

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